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LONDON'S TOP PROPERTY GUIDE INSIDE TODAY

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FREE READ BY 1.62 MILLION LONDONERS EVERY DAY

THE shops, streets, galleries and gardens of London go flower-crazy for three weeks, starting this Saturday, writes *Pattie Barron*. Make the most of the city's sparkling and irreverent alternative flower festival with our pull-out guide to the highlights. For more happenings, turn to Page 28 and for more details on all events, see chelseafringe.com

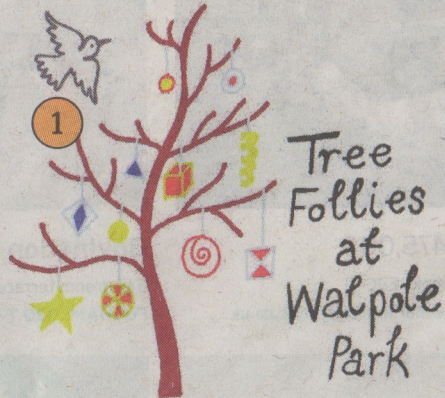
Chelsea Fringe

The alternative garden festival

May 18 to June 9

1 TREE FOLLIES AT WALPOLE PARK

Admire foliage fantasies at both Walpole Park's PM Gallery garden and Lambeth's Garden Museum, where artist-ceramicist Rosa Nguyen's installations of dead trees are given fresh life with ceramic and glass ornaments; throughout the Fringe.



Tree Follies at Walpole Park



2 BROMPTON DESIGN DISTRICT

The design shops, exhibition spaces, museums and institutions in and near Brompton Road join the Chelsea Fringe to bring events, exhibits and activities, including Clifton Nurseries' trees and flowers decorating lower Exhibition Road.

Brompton Design District



3 KING HENRY'S WALK GARDEN

Get your kids cooking on Saturday at a pizza workshop, 10am to noon, at King Henry's Walk, Islington. Call or text 07901 931018 to book, £5 per child. See the Great Garden Bake Off, noon-4pm.



King Henry's Walk

4 URBAN FLORAL DAY, OXO TOWER



18 VAN GOGH'S WALK TO WORK Follow the steps of Vincent van Gogh as he walked from his lodgings in Hackford Road, Stockwell, to work for a year for an art dealer in 1873. This Sunday, from 2pm-5.15pm.

19 THE MEADOW LINE The River of Flowers marks the Tube's 150th birthday by displaying wildflowers in tubular containers on 10 London Underground lines. To travel on the Meadow Line this Sunday, see riverofflowers.org

20 BRIXTON NIGHTS Spy urban birds, both real and artificial, on a magical evening in a contemporary garden, 225a Brixton Road. Open every Tuesday and Wednesday during the Fringe from 6.30pm till late. Tickets £3.50 from studio@uncommonland.co.uk

21 HORNIMAN MUSEUM GARDENS Be inspired by a planted-car installation at the Horniman Museum Gardens, SE23, to plant insect-friendly flowers; also storytelling, bee and garden craft workshops. This Sunday, noon-5pm.

A GARDEN OF SURPRISES Pack a picnic and head to Gunnersbury Park on June 2, 10am-5pm, for a day of heritage and horticulture, plus guided trails, craft activities and music from the Hounslow Symphony Orchestra.

B GUIDE TO GREEN SCENTS Marvel at the green wall at The Athenaeum hotel, Piccadilly, and learn how to create one from the man who maintains it. Enjoy canapés and cocktails to complement the theme and sample fresh, green scents from perfumer Lila Das Gupta. From 6.30pm-8pm, May 21. Tickets £15 from tgraham@aprcommunications.com

C PROSECCO, POETRY AND ART Sip prosecco at the Rebecca Hossack Art Gallery, Charlotte Street, W1, while listening to Edward Barker's acclaimed poetry with a floral theme, and see collaged nature paintings by James Farrelly. From 6pm-8.30pm, May 30. Free.

D MYATT'S FIELDS PARK BIG LUNCH Sample free menus prepared by local home cooks who have taught ethnic cuisines to their neighbours over the past two years in a funded project. With South American music, 1pm-4pm, June 2. Myatt's Fields Park, Cormont Road, SE5.

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Brixton Nights

Horniman Museum Gardens



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